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LB 424

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have just as much guarantee that it is going to be profitable to build a grain alcohol plant as it is to plant corn this spring. None.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, I think under those circumstances unless we feel that we have a lot of money just to appropriate just for something under that circumstance, I kind of question the amount of money. If private enterprise is not interested, I think that farmers co-op certainly has all of our money held in dividend that it might be feasible for the co-op's to set up a plant which they already do have the facilities to provide some assistance and use some of the farmers money, I think that the farmers would vote to let them use their dividend that they are holding. I think that we have other possibilities here other than the tax payers money. That is my question if it is feasible businesslike we should probably have those answers. If it isn't, why I don't think that we should try and sell the public on something that is not feasible. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Dave Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Will you please vote? Senator Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Debate ceases. We will go to Senator Schmit for closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I recognize the concern that Senator Kennedy has shown here. I want to point out that this amount of money, and it is a substantial amount of money, is equivalent to about 3¢ a bushel on the price of corn and wheat and milo that is raised in Nebraska in one year. Now, we have seen the price of grain go up and down a dollar a bushel here in the last few years, so I think that it is up to this Legislature to demonstrate whether or not it wants to show any leadership. We hear a lot of talk this time of the year and political promises. Promises are cheap. It takes some guts and backbone to provide leadership. I think that we should do it and I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: All right the question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 424. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Please vote. Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays on the adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment, Mr. President.

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